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[REDACTED] The trucks were subsequently driven to the barracks installation on Jerichower-Strasse. The newly constructed wooden garages of this installation, which front on Herrenkrugstrasse, have not been roofed. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets. No training activity was observed. Maintenance work was being done on about 25 motor vehicles.

2. Gate guards at the Nachrichten-Kaserne on Turmschanzenstrasse wore black epaulets with signal insignia. About 15 groups, each of 12 to 14 soldiers, were drilling with carbines in the barracks yard.

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3. Sentries at the gate of the barracks installation on Herrenkrugstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. About 25 groups, each of 12 to 15 soldiers, were training with carbines or submachine guns in the barracks yard. In addition, 20 to 25 groups of the same strength were drilling at the drill field opposite the barracks installation.

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4. Gate guards at the barracks installation on Breitscheidstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia on the north side of the street and red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia on the south side of the street. About 15 groups, each of 12 to 14 soldiers, were drilling in the yard of the barracks installation to the right of Breitscheidstrasse.

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[REDACTED] No training activity was observed in the yard of the installation to the left of the street. Four guns which stood in front of the garages had spoked wheels, barrels 3 to 4 meters long without muzzle brakes, and their trails coupled to two-wheel limbers. Crews of 10 to 12 soldiers practiced with each gun. Twenty-five full-track vehicles were parked in front of one garage.

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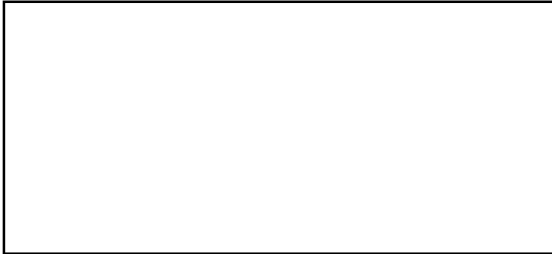
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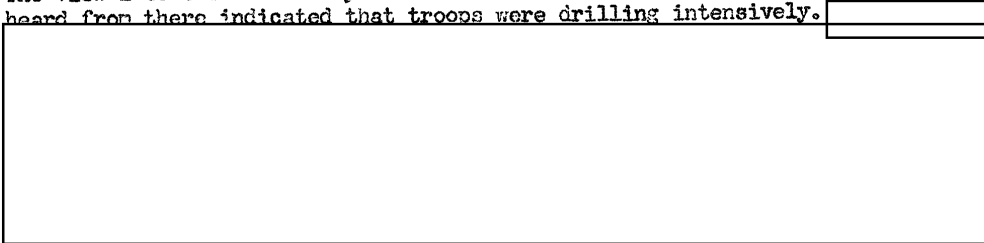
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5. Sentries at the Flak-Kaserne on Zibkeleberweg wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Two groups of two sentries each were patrolling outside the fence around the entire billeting area. The view into the barracks yard was blocked. The shouting of commands heard from there indicated that troops were drilling intensively.



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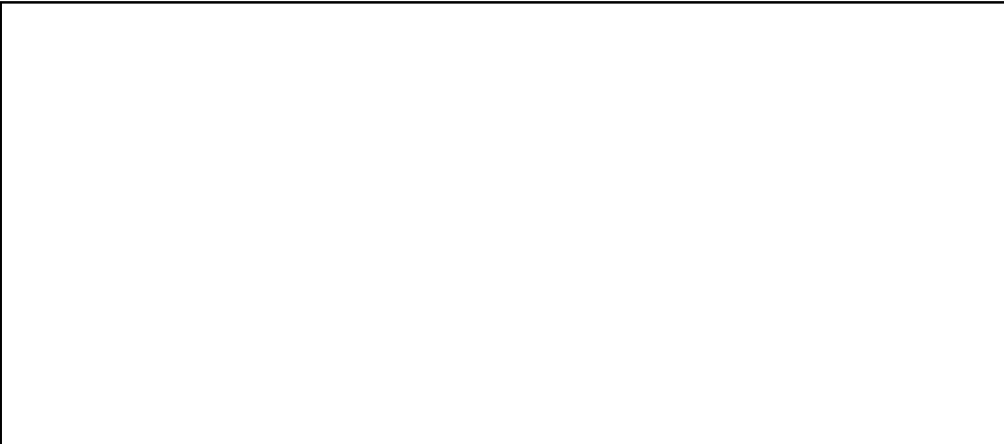
6. The Stab-Kaserne on Beimstrasse was guarded by sentries wearing black-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. At 3 p.m. on 19 December, six platoons of 33 to 36 men returned to the installation from the training area, carrying carbines, submachine guns, field targets, and ammunition boxes. In addition, there were four light machine guns with each platoon. No training activity was observed in the barracks yard.



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